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1. SINCE DESPATCH OUR 4480, THAI IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WERE PERSUADED TO WAIVE PROSECUTION OF A LIST OF OVER 40 CONTRACT EMPLOYEES WHO WERE NOT LEGALLY DOCUMENTED FOR RESIDENCE IN THAILAND. UNFORTUNATELY THE THREE KO KHA EMPLOYEES MENTIONED REFTEL WERE NOT ON THAT LIST. MCHALE WAS NOT INCLUDED SINCE LISTS WERE COMPILED ON BASIS OF PASSPORTS SUBMITTED TO MACTHAI AND HE HAD KEPT HIS PASSPORT BECAUSE HE PLANNED TRIP OUT OF THAILAND. LEONARD AND BENNETT WERE IMPROPERLY IDENTIFIED AS BEING EMPLOYEES UNDER ANOTHER CONTRACT FOR WHICH MACTHAI DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE INFO TO SUBMIT TO RTG.

2. LEONARD HAS DEPARTED THAILAND VIA MAC AIRPLANE. IF MCHALE AND BENNETT ATTEMPTED DEPART BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT IMMIGRATION WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY INSIST ON PROSECUTION. IN RECENT CASE WHICH OCCURRED AFTER DESPATCH OUR 4480 AND BEFORE IMMIGRATION HAD BEEN PERSUADED WITH AID OF SUPREME COMMAND TO GRANT WAIVER FOR LIST MENTIONED PARA 1, IMMIGRATION WAS ON POINT OF CONFINING ONE KO KHA EMPLOYEE PENDING DEPORTATION. HE WAS RELEASED ON BAIL ONLY AFTER MACTHAI LOCAL EMPLOYEE PLEDGED HIS OWN HOUSE AS BOND. THAT PARTICULAR GE EMPLOYEE HAS SINCE DEPARTED.

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3. WHEN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES FINALLY AGREED TO WAIVE PROSECUTION FOR THOSE ON LIST MENTIONED PARA 1, THEY STRESSED THAT THEY DID NOT EXPECT TO BE ASKED OR TO GRANT ANY FURTHER WAIVERS. EMBASSY AND MACTHAI HAVE DISCUSSED PROBLEM IN DETAIL WITH GE LOCAL MANAGER. MACTHAI AND GE ARE PRESENTLY CONSULTING ON BEST WAY TO HANDLE CASES OF MCHALE AND BENNETT IN LIGHT ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES.
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